

Big Bend National Park



Daily Report – Friday, December 30, 2016

Weather Forecast :

Today..... Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain. Winds will be from the south around 10 mph.
Mountain highs low 50s, river highs low 60s.

Tonight..... Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of rain. Winds will be from the southwest around 10 mph.
Overnight lows upper 40s.

Tomorrow Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers. Winds will be from the southwest at 10-15 mph.
Mountain highs around 60, river highs upper 70s. Overnight lows upper 40s.

Extended Sun-Thu: Sunny to mostly cloudy.
Highs: mid 50s - upper 70s Lows: mid 40s - upper 40s

Sunset tonight: 6:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:47 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Low

Panther Junction/Foothills: Low

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	57	38	38	0.11	1.55	13.83
Chisos Basin	5400'	53	35	38	0.10	1.76	25.33
Rio Grande Village	1850'	65	47	48	0.03	0.94	11.76
Castolon	2170'	67	45	47	0.05	0.93	11.08
Persimmon Gap	2970'	60	42	43	0.00	1.04	14.86
Lajitas	2340'	66	45	47	0.02	1.31	12.37

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.90 ft / 568 cfs	5.85 ft / 568 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.14 ft / 489 cfs	4.19 ft / 504 cfs
Johnson Ranch	15.50	5.81 ft / 505 cfs	5.83 ft / 512 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	3.83 ft / 575 cfs	3.86 ft / 593 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.96 ft / 868 cfs	5.98 ft / 879 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Several overnight backpacking campsites are closed in Boot Canyon, Colima, Toll Mountain, Juniper Canyon # 1 and Southwest Rim # 2 due to bear activity. The Chisos Mountains are home to a healthy Mexican Black Bear population, and fall rains resulted in abundant pine nut and oak nut production. Bears feed heavily during the fall in order to prepare for their winter denning period and these closures will give them the space and time they need to feed and will help keep our bears healthy and wild. Thank you for your cooperation and support!